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SUBJECT: VON KARMAN INSTITUTE - REQUEST THAT US REJOIN AD HOC
GROUP ON FINANCING OF VON KARMAN INSTITUTE.

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1. DCM STREATOR HAS JUST RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER
FROM NATO DASYG FOR SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS, DR. GEORGE
KOVACH, (US), COMMUNICATING THE DESIRE OF THE THIRTEEN ALLIED
COUNTRY DELEGATES TO THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON THE
FINANCING OF THE VON KARMAN INSTITUTE THAT THE UNITED
STATES REJOIN THE NATO NATIONS WHICH JOINTLY FUND THE
INSTITUTE.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR ED,

YOU WILL RECALL THAT THE UNITED STATES CEASED ITS
PARTICIPATION IN THE MULTILATERAL FUNDING OF THE VON
KARMAN INSTITUTE IN 1971. AT THAT TIME THE NORTH
ATLANTIC COUNCIL VIEWED THIS WITHDRAWAL WITH REGRET,
AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE US WOULD REVERSE ITS
POSITION AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE (C-R(70)36).
THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON THE FINANCING OF
THE VON KARMAN INSTITUTE, WHICH I HAVE THE HONOR TO
CHAIR, HAD A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION AT ITS MEETING
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OF 2ND JULY, 1976, ON EXTENSION OF THE LONG-TERM
FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR THE VKI (AC/168-R(76)1). THE
PRESENT THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT EXPIRES AT THE END OF THE
1976-1977 ACADEMIC YEAR. AT THIS MEETING THE DELE-

GATES UNANIMOUSLY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD REJOIN THE SUPPORTING NATIONS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR DECISION, I AM PLEASED TO BRING THIS REQUEST TO YOUR ATTENTION, AND ASK THAT IT BE FOREWARDED TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN WASHINGTON FOR CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

EUGENE G. KOVACH
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
GENERAL FOR SCIENTIFIC
AFFAIRS
END TEXT.

2. AS MANY WASHINGTON OFFICIALS ARE AWARE, THE VON KARMAN INSTITUTE IS A PRESTIGIOUS TECHNICAL CENTER ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BRUSSELS, WHICH SPECIALIZES IN AERODYNAMICS RESEARCH AND WHICH HAS A UNIQUE COMBINATION OF WIND TUNNELS, IN ADDITION TO ITS OTHER TECHNICAL FACILITIES. IT WAS ORIGINALLY SET UP UNDER NATO AUSPICES (AND WITH SIGNIFICANT USAF PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT). THE THIRTEEN-MEMBER AD HOC GROUP ON THE INSTITUTE'S FINANCING CONTINUES TO MEET AS A NATO BODY AT NATO HEADQUARTERS AND TO REPORT TO THE NAC. THE MINUTES OF ITS LAST ANNUAL BUDGETARY MEETING, ON 16TH JUNE, 1975, ARE CONTAINED IN AC/168-R (75)1. THE DETAILED 1975-76 BUDGET PROPOSAL IS CONTAINED IN AC/168-D(75)2.

3. NOTWITHSTANDING THE US 1971 WITHDRAWAL FROM THE JOINT FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE US HAS CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SOME FACULTY MEMBERS AND STUDENTS FOR THE INSTITUTE.

4. IN ADDITION TO THE US, DENMARK ALSO WITHDREW IN 1971 FROM THE ORIGINAL FIFTEEN MEMBER INTER-ALLIED AD HOC GROUP ON FINANCING OF THE VON KARMAN INSTITUTE. WE UNDER-
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STAND ANOTHER LETTER, SIMILAR TO THE ONE TO THE US IN PARAGRAPH ONE ABOVE, HAS BEEN SENT TO THE DANISH NATO DELEGATION AT THE DIRECTION OF THE AD HOC GROUP, EXPRESSING HOPE THAT DENMARK TOO MIGHT REJOIN.

5. WE HAVE REQUESTED FROM DR. KOVACH'S OFFICE THE COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION ON THE JULY 2, 1976 MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP, WHICH WE WILL FORWARD TO THE DEPT (ATTENTION OEW/SCI/BMP/HEMILY) WHEN RECEIVED. DR. KOVACH IS JUST DEPARTING NATO ON REASSIGNMENT TO NSF, WASHINGTON. SUGGEST THAT USG AUTHORITIES CONCERNED MIGHT WISH TO CONTACT HIM THERE FOR FURTHER ELABORATION ON THE VON KARMAN INSTITUTE

PROGRAM TO DATE AND ON THE OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE TTO ASSIST
IN POSSIBLE REVIEW OF THE US POSITION. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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